

**APPROVED
PROCEEDINGS OF THE OTTAWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY SESSION - FIRST SESSION**

**Thursday, February 12, 2004 1:30 PM
Fillmore Administration Building - Board Room
12220 Fillmore Street, West Olive**

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, February 12, 2004, at 1:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Chair.

Mrs. Ruitter pronounced the invocation.

The Clerk led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present at roll call: Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Kuyers, Swartout, Mrs. Ruitter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Berghorst, Vander Kam. (10)

Absent: Mr. VanderLaan. (1)

Public Comments and Communications from County Staff

Tim Meyer, 11711 - 168th St., Grand Haven, representing Ottawa County Trails, a Committee of the Planning Commission. Ottawa County Trails Committee met this morning with the Ottawa County Road Commission concerning the repaving of Lakeshore Drive from Hayes to Fillmore. This committee has passed a resolution that the shoulders should be paved to four feet as prescribed in the Ottawa County Non-motorized Pathway Study of April 2002. It was determine how funding could be obtained and shared for this project.

B/C 04-034 Mr. Berghorst moved to approve the agenda of today as presented and amended moving Discussion Item #11 before Discussion Item. #10. Ms. Visscher supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Schrotenboer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mrs. Ruitter, Messrs. Kuyers, Rinck, Berghorst, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Swartout. (10)

B/C 04-035 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions:

1. To approve the Minutes of the January 27, 2004, Board of Commissioners' Meetings.
2. To receive as information the Correspondence Log 330.
3. To authorize the payroll of February 12, 2004, in the amount of \$494.50.
4. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$2,459,433.56 as presented by the summary report for January 19 through January 31, 2004.

Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Vander Kam, Kuyers, Mrs. Ruitter, Messrs. Berghorst, Rinck, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Rycenga, Schrotenboer, Swartout. (10)

B/C 04-036 Ms. Visscher moved to approve the Resolution from Ottawa County Community Action Agency declaring February 28, 2004, as Walk for Warmth Day in Ottawa County. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Ruitter, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Rinck, Berghorst, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Swartout. (10)

B/C 04-037 Ms. Visscher moved to approve and forward to the Board the applications of Brenda Clark, Kevin O'Neill*, Julius Koenigsknecht, and Celeste Henry as candidates for one (1) opening for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2004, and ending December 31, 2006, on the Workforce Development Board representing education. *Recommended by committee. Mr. Vander Kam supported the motion.

Results of the roll call votes were as follows:

Mr. Rinck - O'Neill	Mrs. Kortman - O'Neill
Ms. Visscher - O'Neill	Mr. Rycenga - O'Neill
Mr. Schrotenboer - O'Neill	Mr. Berghorst - O'Neill
Mr. Kuyers - O'Neill	Mrs. Ruiter - O'Neill
Mr. Vander Kam - O'Neill	Mr. Swartout - O'Neill

Total votes were as follows: Ms. Clark - 0, Mr. O'Neill - 10, Mr. Koenigsknecht - 0, and Ms. Henry - 0.

The Chair declared Kevin O'Neill appointed to the Ottawa County Workforce Development Board representing Education for a three-year term.

B/C 04-038 Ms. Visscher moved to approve and forward to the Board the application of Carl Simpson as a candidate for one (1) opening for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2004, and ending December 31, 2006, on the Workforce Development Board representing labor. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Rinck, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Swartout. (10)

B/C 04-039 Ms. Visscher moved to approve and forward to the Board the application of Barton Lucas as a candidate for one (1) opening for a two-year term beginning October 1, 2003, and ending September 30, 2005, on the Community Action Agency Advisory Board representing the Public Sector. Mrs. Ruiter supported the motion.

B/C 04-040 Ms. Visscher moved to cast an unanimous ballot for Barton Lucas to be appointed to the Community Action Agency representing the Public Sector for a two-year term. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 04-041 Ms. Visscher moved to approve and forward to the Board the applications of Jeffrey Wincel* and Jone Bosch as candidates for (1) opening for a two-year term beginning October 1, 2003, and ending September 30, 2005, on the Community Action Agency Advisory Board representing the Private Sector. *Recommended by committee. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion.

Results of the roll call vote were as follows:

Ms. Visscher - Wincel	Mrs. Kortman - Bosch
Mr. Rinck - Wincel	Mr. Rycenga - Wincel
Mr. Berghorst - Wincel	Mr. Vander Kam - Wincel
Mrs. Ruiter - Wincel	Mr. Kuyers - Wincel
Mr. Schrotenboer - Wincel	Mr. Swartout - Wincel

Total votes were as follows: Mr. Wincel - 9, Ms. Bosch - 1.

The Chair declared Jeffrey Wincel appointed to the Community Action Agency Advisory Board representing the Private Sector for a two-year term.

Discussion Items

Road Commission Requests - Larry Bruursema, Chairman of the Ottawa County Road Commission, thanked the Board for the opportunity to come before them.

Kent Rubley, Ottawa County Road Commission Managing Director, explained the three projects to occur.

Project 1 - The 68th Avenue Bridge over I-96 (Replace with 5 lane structure) - This project has already begun. The Road Commission is asking for a half a million dollars to come from the County. The County's portion would be 1/3 of the local share. Half of the bridge is in Coopersville City and the other half is in Polkton Township.

Project 2A - River Avenue Bridge over Macatawa River (Construct east pedestrian bridge) - This project is under design and will be bid this summer.

Project 2B - River Avenue Bridge over Macatawa River (Construct vehicular bridge and west pedestrian bridge) - Scheduled to be bid the summer of 2005 and be done by the winter of 2005.

The total request the Road Commission is asking from the county for Projects 2A and 2B is one million dollars.

Soren Wolff, Holland City Manager, said the River Avenue Bridge has substantial benefit to the community. Local commitment has not been made. In their five year plan, Holland City has some dollars for this project. He is not advocating asking the taxpayers for additional funds.

Steve Patrick, Coopersville City Manager, reported the Coopersville City Council has endorsed the 68th Avenue Bridge project, but not with exact dollars.

The total cost the Road Commission is asking for is 1.5 million for the three projects. Discussed several options on how the county could help support these projects. Administration will poll individual units of government to get a feel for the number of applications out there for the infrastructure fund for commitments coming in. At the next Work Session, will focus on the request and if and what part of the infrastructure fund is available.

Mrs. Kortman left at 2:30 p.m.

B/C 04-042 Mr. Berghorst moved to go into Closed Session at 2:33 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations - two thirds roll call vote required. Mr. Kuyers supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the followings votes: Yeas: Messrs. Vander Kam, Rycenga, Schrottenboer, Kuyers, Berghorst, Mrs. Ruiten, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Rinck, Swartout. (9)

B/C 04-043 Mrs. Ruiten moved to rise from Closed Session at 2:52 p.m. Ms. Visscher supported the motion and the motion passed.

The County Administrator's report was presented.

Several Commissioners reported on meetings attended and future meetings to be held.

B/C 04-044 Mr. Berghorst moved to adjourn at 2:55 p.m. subject to the call of the Chair. Mr. Schrottenboer supported the motion and the motion passed.

DANIEL C. KRUEGER, Clerk
Of the Board of Commissioners

DENNIS W. SWARTOUT, Chairman
Of the Board of Commissioner

Agenda

February 6, 2004

To All Ottawa County Commissioners:

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners will meet on **Thursday, February 12, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.** for the regular **February** meeting of the Board at the Ottawa County Fillmore Street Complex, West Olive, Michigan.

The Agenda is as follows:

1. Call to Order by the Chairperson

2. Invocation Commissioner Ruiter
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Roll Call
5. Presentation of Petitions and Communications
6. Public Comments and Communications from County Staff
7. Approval of Agenda
8. Actions and Reports

A. Consent Resolutions:

1. Suggested Motion:
To approve the Minutes of the January 27, 2004, Board of Commissioners' Meetings.
2. Suggested Motion:
To receive as Information the Correspondence Log 330.

From the Finance and Administration Committee

3. Payroll
Suggested Motion:
To authorize the payroll of February 12, 2004 in the amount of .
4. Monthly Accounts Payable for January 20 to January 31, 2004
Suggested Motion:
To approve the general claims in the amount of \$2,459,433.56 as presented by the summary report for January 19 through January 31, 2004.

B. Action Items:

From the Health and Human Services Committee

5. Walk for Warmth Resolution
Suggested Motion:
To approve the Resolution from Ottawa County Community Action Agency declaring February 28, 2004, as Walk for Warmth Day in Ottawa County.

C. Appointments:

From the Health and Human Services Committee

6. Appointments to the Ottawa County Workforce Development Board Representing Education
Suggested Motion:
To approve and forward to the Board the applications of Brenda Clark, Kevin O'Neill, Julius Koenigsknecht, and Celeste Henry as candidates for one (1) opening for a three year term beginning January 1, 2004 and ending December 31, 2006 on the Workforce Development Board representing education. *Recommended by committee.
7. Appointments to the Workforce Development Board Representing Labor
Suggested Motion:
To approve and forward to the Board the application of Carl Simpson as a candidate for one (1) opening for a three year term beginning January 1, 2004 and ending December 31, 2006 on the Workforce Development Board representing labor.
8. Appointment to the Community Action Agency Representing the Public Sector
Suggested Motion:

To approve and forward to the Board the application of Barton Lucas as a candidate for one (1) opening for a two year term beginning October 1, 2003 and ending September 30, 2005 on the Community Action Agency Advisory Board representing the public sector.

9. Appointment to the Community Action Agency Advisory Board Representing the Private Sector

Suggested Motion:

To approve and forward to the Board the applications of Jeffrey Wincel* and Jone Bosch as candidates for one (1) opening for a two year term beginning October 1, 2003 and ending September 30, 2005 on the Community Action Agency Advisory Board representing the private sector. *Recommended by committee.

D. Discussion Items

10. Closed Session - Purpose to Discuss Contract Negotiations

Suggested Motion:

To go into Closed Session to discuss contract negotiations - Two thirds roll call vote required.

11. Road Commission Requests.

E. Report of the County Administrator

F. General Information, Comments, and Meetings Attended

9. Public Comments

10. Adjournment